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PONTARDAWE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1969

Mr. Chairman and Members of the
Pontardawe Rural District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1969. The Report is compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health as given in Circular 1/70 (Wales) and the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

During the year 1969 the Vital Statistics have shown no unusual trend. Amongst the notification of infectious diseases, there was a sharp increase in the number of cases of Infective Hepatitis reported, 47 in all. All but 3 of these notifications were made in the second half of the year. Sporadic cases occurred throughout the district but in the main the disease was centred in the village of Cwmllynfell and the Graigfelen area of Clydach. In both instances the spread appeared to be associated with the local school and there was no reason whatever to suspect a water-borne origin. The majority of those affected were children and for the most part their symptoms were mild. However, a few of the adults who suffered from the disease were quite ill and the seriousness of the symptoms appeared to increase with the age of the patient.

During the month of July a sharp outbreak of Sonnei Dysentery occurred in and around a local Infants School. Fourteen cases were confirmed and notified and it is probable that a considerable number were slightly affected but did not seek medical advice. Most of those who were ill were infants and it would appear that the spread was from case to case. Exhaustive investigations failed to implicate food or water and there was no reason to suspect that the outbreak originated either in the Infants School dining room where the food was served or in the main kitchen of another school where it was prepared. With the closing of the school for the Summer holiday during the latter part of July the outbreak came to an end.

At the end of the year the prevailing epidemic of Influenza involved this area and although undoubtedly a large number of people were affected, the numbers were not as great as in many previous epidemics and there was no serious dislocation of local industry etc.

The Public Health Department continued to exercise its functions concerning the re-housing of applicants in Council houses. As in the previous year no houses were completed by this Council and as the number of casual vacancies available became less some

difficulty was experienced from time to time in housing promptly families with urgent need. The diminution in Council houses becoming available as casual vacancies appeared to be due directly to the difficulty which Council house tenants experienced in obtaining mortgages so that they could buy a house of their own and thus of course leave a Council house vacant. In spite of these difficulties 78 families were re-housed during the year, 60 under the Council's Points Scheme and 18 as special cases, mainly Keyworkers. Taking into consideration families who were granted sub-tenancies in Council houses and others who obtained transfers, 185 families were provided with alternative accommodation.

The Meals on Wheels Service continued to function smoothly during the year. Over 12,000 meals were distributed to approximately 150 handicapped, housebound and aged people. Excellent meals were prepared in four school kitchens and these were delivered voluntarily by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service in the Pontardawe and Clydach part of the district and by the Women's Institute in the Ystalyfera, Cwmllynfell and Gwauncaegurwen part of the district in vans provided by this Council.

During May and June of this year a mobile unit of the Welsh Hospital Board Mass Radiography Service visited a number of centres in the area. Approximately 1,200 persons submitted themselves for a chest x-ray and although 86 of these were found to have some abnormality only a handful needed to be referred for further investigation as the majority of them were suffering from Pneumoconiosis and were already known and were under regular supervision. The survey did not reveal any new sufferers from Tuberculosis nor did it bring to light any cases of cancer of the lung or bronchus.

During the year there was a sharp increase in deaths from malignant disease of the lung and bronchus as compared with the previous year. 19 occurred in the year under review (all males) whereas in the year 1968 there were only 11 cases (6 in males and 5 in females). However, death from this disease fluctuates from year to year and would appear to follow the national pattern. Deaths from Ischaemic heart disease remained high but showed only a slight increase on the previous year, 119 as against 103.

It is desired to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their co-operation and interest in the work of the Department and the Staff of the Public Health Department who have at all times carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. M. DAVIES,
Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Chairman of the Public Health Committee :
Councillor F. WILLIAMS

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS :

Medical Officer of Health :
Dr. G. M. DAVIES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector :
IEUAN LEWIS, M.B.E., F.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.
(Meat and Other Foods)

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector :
H. WYNNE JONES, M.A.P.H.I., C.I.Hsg., C.R.S.H.
(Meat and Other Foods)

Additional Public Health Inspectors :

G. A. REES, M.A.P.H.I.
D. J. DAVIES, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.
(Meat and Other Foods)

Authorised Meat Inspector :
GERALD EDMUNDS, (Part Year)

Student Public Health Inspector :
ENIR WYN HODGE (Part Year)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL :

Senior Clerical Assistant : ELWYN LEWIS

MARY E. DAVIES
ANN EVANS
BEATRICE WILLIAMS
A. MARY HOWELLS

SECTION A — STATISTICS

Area as given on Ordinance Maps	34,969 acres
Registrar-General Estimate of mid-year population	29,640
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1969	£776,994
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1/4/69	£2776

Live Births :

Number	378
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	14.5
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4

Still Births :

Number	4
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	18
Total live and still-births	382
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	5

Infant Mortality Rates :

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	13
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	14
Illigitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illigitimate live births	—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	11
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	18
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	NIL
Total Number of Deaths (all ages)	438
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	15.2
Deaths from Cancer	70
Death from Gastro-enteritis (under 1 year)	NIL

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1969 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PONTARDAWE IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1—INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	15	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	127	201	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	137	216	—	—

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	7	7	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	12	12	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act. HOMEWORK. (Sections 133 and 134)
There were no Outworkers registered with the Authority during 1969.

Report under Factories Act, 1961.
All factories were supervised in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and as indicated in the foregoing tables all defects were remedied without the institution of proceedings.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1969 IN PONTARDAWE RURAL DISTRICT

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 +
B5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B6 Other Tuberculosis, Incl. Late Effects	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
B19 (2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
B19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1
B19 (5) Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19 (6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus..	M	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	8	6	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19 (7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	3	2
B19 (8) Malignant Neoplasm,Uterus	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
B19 (9) Malignant Neoplasm Prostate	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
B19 (10 Leukaemia	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1
B46 (1) Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
B23 Anaemias	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B46 (3) Mental Disorders ..	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	3

B27 Hypertensive Disease ..	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4
	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	5
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease ..	M	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	15	21	22
	F	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	20	22
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
	F	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	16
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease ..	M	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	9	9
	F	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	11	18
B46 (5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	7
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
B31 Influenza	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
B32 Pneumonia	M	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
	F	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10
B33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	7	15	15
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	4
B33 (2) Asthma	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
B46 (6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
B34 Peptic Ulcer	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46 (7) Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B46 (10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
B42 Congenital Anomalies ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
BE48 All Other Accidents ..	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES ..	M	236	3	1	—	—	2	—	10	19	48	74	79
	F	202	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	11	23	67	97

GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) — VITAL STATISTICS — 1969

		Est'd Pop. 1969	LIVE BIRTHS			DEATHS			INFANT MORTALITY		PERI-NATAL MORTALITY	
			No. of Live Births	Rate per 1,000 population		No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population		Deaths under one year	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths & deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths
				Crude	Adj'ed		Crude	Adj'ted				
England and Wales		48,826,800	797,542	16.3	—	579,463	11.9	—	14,397	18	18,894	23
Administrative County..		744,910	12,163	16.3	16.8	9,872	13.3	15.2	248	20	366	30
Urban Districts		523,220	8,125	15.5	16.0	7,152	13.7	15.5	179	22	257	31
Rural Districts		221,690	4,038	18.2	18.6	2,720	12.3	14.1	70	17	109	27
Health Division. Constituent Districts												
Aberdare and Mountain Ash.	Aberdare Urban ..	38,210	650	17.0	18.5	661	17.3	17.5	13	20	21	32
	Mountain Ash Urban	28,130	449	16.0	16.0	398	14.1	16.9	11	24	16	35
Caerphilly and Gelligaer	Caerphilly Urban ..	38,890	797	20.0	19.6	430	10.8	13.5	20	25	29	36
	Gelligaer Urban ..	34,500	606	17.6	17.6	447	13.0	16.9	16	26	17	27
Mid-Glamorgan	Bridgend Urban ..	15,260	190	12.5	12.9	186	12.2	13.1	3	16	1	5
	Maesteg Urban ..	21,220	357	16.8	17.5	268	12.6	15.5	7	20	12	33
	Ogmore and Garw Urban ..	20,190	330	16.3	16.8	256	12.7	15.6	8	24	11	33
	Porthcawl Urban ..	13,410	185	13.8	16.3	176	13.1	10.5	3	16	10	52
	Penybont Rural ..	50,010	1,028	20.6	19.8	674	13.5	13.0	20	19	36	34

Neath and District	Neath M.B. ..	29,690	380	12.8	13.3	443	14.9	16.1	9	24	9	23
	Neath Rural ..	40,630	637	15.7	16.3	562	13.8	16.7	13	20	17	26
Pontypridd and Llantrisant.	Llantrisant Rural ..	33,230	727	21.9	22.6	392	11.8	15.9	16	22	23	31
	Pontypridd Urban ..	35,010	539	15.4	15.7	532	15.2	15.7	12	22	21	38
Port Talbot and Glyncorrwg	Glyncorrwg Urban ..	9,360	172	18.4	17.8	105	11.2	16.1	7	41	9	51
	Port Talbot M.B. ..	50,970	706	13.9	13.8	655	12.9	17.2	13	18	23	32
South East Glamorgan	Barry M.B. ..	42,500	649	15.3	15.8	486	11.4	12.3	10	15	13	20
	Cardiff Rural ..	29,080	606	20.8	19.1	310	10.7	11.6	9	15	14	23
	Cowbridge M.B. ..	1,430	38	26.6	26.3	10	7.0	7.3	1	26	3	75
	Cowbridge Rural ..	23,000	401	17.4	19.8	149	6.5	11.4	2	5	7	17
	Penarth Urban ..	23,120	345	14.9	16.1	277	12.0	11.2	4	12	6	17
West Glamorgan	Gower Rural ..	16,100	261	16.2	17.0	195	12.1	13.4	5	19	5	19
	Llwchwr Urban ..	26,030	380	14.6	15.6	372	14.3	15.6	9	24	16	41
	Pontardawe Rural ..	29,640	378	12.8	14.5	438	14.8	15.2	5	13	7	18
Rhondda M.B.	.. ..	94,300	1,352	14.3	14.7	1,450	15.4	17.2	32	24	40	29

VITAL STATISTICS — 1969

ENGLAND AND WALES — PERSONS

ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME POPULATION 48,826,800

	Number	Rate	
Live Births	797,542*	16.3	per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	10,662*	13.0	per 1,000 total births
Deaths	579,463	11.9	per 1,000 population
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year of age)	14,397	18.0	per 1,000 live births
Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 4 weeks of age)	9,603	12.0	per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 1 week of age)	8,232	10.0	per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths and deaths under 1 wk. of age)	18,894	23.0	per 1,000 total births

* Estimated

BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1947 — 1969

Year	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)	Death Rate under One year per 1,000 Live Births	Death Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)
1947	16.8	45.0	12.9
1948	16.5	37.1	11.8
1949	14.4	51.0	13.2
1950	13.97	35.09	14.15
1951	13.23	30.37	14.16
1952	14.57	32.05	13.30
1953	13.93	49.11	13.21
1954	14.26	39.22	13.36
1955	13.43	20.83	14.70
1956	13.97	27.33	16.07
1957	13.78	27.59	14.46
1958	13.55	18.78	15.52
1959	13.30	28.85	13.67
1960	13.55	35.55	14.70
1961	13.93	23.58	14.37
1962	14.22	25.35	14.70
1963	16.36	24.77	15.73
1964	18.02	22.68	15.14
1965	15.57	14.39	13.58
1966	15.14	14.85	14.26
1967	13.9	16.0	15.5
1968	15.6	12.0	14.3
1969	14.5	13.0	15.2

BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS — 1969

BIRTHS

Live Births				Still Births			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	192	186	378	Total	2	2	4
Legitimate	184	179	363	Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	8	7	15	Illegitimate	—	—	—

INFANT DEATHS

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age				Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age				Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total		M	F	T'tal
Total	4	1	5	Total	3	1	4	Total	2	1	3
Legitimate	4	1	5	Legitimate	3	1	4	Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	–	–	–	Illegitimate	–	–	–	Illegitimate	–	–	–

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS 1969

During the year there were 5 motor vehicle accident deaths, 1 suicide and 4 other accidental deaths.

SECTION B — GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

(*a*) **Laboratory Facilities :**

Samples taken for bacteriological examination were examined as in past years at the Public Health Laboratory, Swansea, those for chemical analysis and air pollution being analysed at the County Laboratory, Cardiff.

The number of samples taken during the year was as follows :

WATER :	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	382
CHEMICAL Analysis	7
SWIMMING BATHS WATER :	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	18
CHEMICAL Examination	2
MILK :	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	16
BIOLOGICAL Examination	14
ICE CREAM :	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	6
CHEMICAL Analysis	NIL
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION :	
LEAD PEROXIDE INSTRUMENTS	12
DEPOSIT GAUGE	NIL

(*b*) **Welfare Services, Hospital and Ambulance Services :**

The two County Council hostels at Danybryn and Gelligron continued in use. Your officers co-operate with the County Welfare Officers in dealing with cases needing joint action.

The Clydach and Gellynudd Hospitals continued in use under the Administration of the Glantawe Management Committee.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 :

Your Council accepts responsibility under these enactments for the burial of any person who dies within the area and in respect of whom it appears that no individual is making private arrangements. It became necessary in the course of the year to arrange for the burial of one such person.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

Water :

The Council's Water Undertaking was transferred to the West Glamorgan Water Board in 1966. Your Council is still responsible for ensuring that the water supplies of the area are pure, and the closest liaison is maintained with officers of the Water Board. Samples are taken generally upon complaint and results of analysis are exchanged with the Water Board. Any matters likely to endanger purity of supply noticed by your officers in the course of general inspection are immediately notified to the Board.

Public Swimming Baths :

There are two swimming baths in the area which are the responsibility respectively of the Llanguicke and Rhyndwyclydach Parish Councils. The baths are only open during the spring and summer periods and samples are regularly taken. The advice of the Department is made readily available to the Parish Councils concerned when any difficulties arise.

Development of Water and Sewerage Schemes :

(i) Swansea Valley Trunk Sewer—Trebanos Treatment Works : Contract No. 2 (£337,879)—in progress.

(ii) Felindre Sewerage & Sewerage Disposal Works Scheme : (£41,414)—completed.

(iii) Clydach Outfall Sewer—Scheme in preparation.

SECTION D — HOUSING

Tables giving a summary of the Council's rehousing activities (*a*) during the year 1969 and (*b*) for the years 1946-69 are included in this section of the Report.

ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY OF WARDS 1969

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme: Occupation: Agri'ture	Mines	Steel/Tin	Others	Total Fam'ls Reh'sd under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of: T.B.	Disablement	Other Illness	Unfit Houses	Living in Apts	Rehoused Outside Pts Schm (Keyw'ks etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided: New Houses	Casual Vac'cies	Other Accom'n	Notes	Tr'sfers–sub-ten'cies: No. of Transfers approved	No. of sb-tenancies Authorised	Total transfers—sb-tenancies	Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)
					(1)						(2)							(3)	(1) plus (2) plus (3)
Clydach	—	1	—	10	11	1	—	5	1	8	2	—	13	—		11	17	28	41
Gellionnen	—	—	—	4	4	1	—	3	—	3	1	—	5	—		5	8	13	18
Craigcefnparc	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—		1	5	6	8
Garnswllt—Velindre	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—		—	3	3	4
Ynysymond	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—		—	1	1	2
Cilybebyll	—	1	—	6	7	—	—	3	3	3	3	—	10	—		3	7	10	20
Blaenegel & Mawr	—	—	—	11	11	—	—	4	1	7	8	—	19	—		2	9	11	30
Godrergraig	—	—	—	7	7	1	—	1	2	5	1	—	8	—		1	10	11	19
Alltygrug	—	1	—	7	8	—	—	2	3	4	1	—	9	—		2	9	11	20
Cwmllynfell	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	—		—	1	1	4
Caegurwen	—	2	—	4	6	—	—	3	2	2	1	—	7	—		4	8	12	19
TOTAL Dec. 1969	—	6	—	54	60	3	—	22	13	35	18	—	78	—		29	78	107	185

ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY FOR YEARS 1946-1969

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme: Occupation: Agri'ture	Mines	Steel/Tin	Others	Total Fam'ls Reh'sd under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of: T.B.	Disablement	Other Illness	Unfit Houses	Living in Apts	Rehoused Outside Pts Schm (Keyw'ks etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided: New Houses	Casual Vac'cies	Other Accom'n	Notes	Tr'sfers–sub-ten'cies: No. of Transfers approved	No. of sb-tenancies Authorised	Total transfers—sb-tenancies	Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)
					(1)						(2)							(3)	(1) plus (2) plus (3)
Clydach	—	128	44	387	559	30	9	243	43	428	63	422	265	5		417	314	731	1353
Gellionnen	—	18	36	130	184	20	1	74	44	81	13	119	74	3		103	81	184	381
Craigcefnparc	1	39	—	47	87	2	—	26	15	43	6	53	38	—		28	36	64	157
Garnswllt—Velindre	—	51	2	31	84	6	—	22	14	53	2	49	38	—		13	28	41	127
Ynysymond	2	13	2	25	42	—	1	16	6	22	4	32	13	—		10	21	31	77
Cilybebyll	2	39	44	181	266	20	7	99	71	144	44	178	130	—		83	106	189	499
Blaenegel & Mawr	1	64	63	262	390	29	2	181	76	232	64	297	171	5		133	230	363	817
Godrergraig	—	89	16	142	247	16	3	65	87	120	16	189	91	—		81	189	270	533
Alltygrug	—	133	10	239	382	20	5	152	105	177	14	171	223	2		230	296	526	922
Cwmllynfell	—	67	1	74	142	7	—	29	39	65	3	71	74	—		34	79	113	258
Caegurwen	—	173	6	165	344	21	3	147	51	231	8	197	150	—		114	183	297	649
TOTAL Dec. 1969	6	814	224	1683	2727	171	31	1054	551	1596	237	1778	1267	15		1246	1563	2809	5773

Milk Samples.

The results of samples taken during the year for bacteriological and biological purposes are as follows. Examinations were made at the Swansea Public Health Laboratory.

Laboratory	No. Taken	No. Satis-factory	No. Unsatis-factory
Public Health Laboratory, Swansea			
Bacteriological Examination	17	17	—
Biological	13	13	—

Ice Cream

Samples were collected during the year and taken to Swansea Public Health Laboratory for examination. Details are as follows :

Number of Samples taken : 6

	No.
Provisional Grade 1 : Satisfactory	4
Provisional Grade 2 : Fairly Satisfactory	2
Provisional Grade 3 : Doubtfull	—
Provisional Grade 4 : Unsatisfactory	—

Food and Dugs Act 1955 (Section 16) Ice ceam Registrations

	PARISH OR WARD										
	Clyd	Gell	Mw	Ynis	Cil	B.M	Gd	Allt	Cm	Cae	Tl.
Manufacture and Sale :											
(i) Complete Cold Mix	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	3
(ii) Hot Mix	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	4
Sale :											
(i) Prepacked	17	3	6	—	5	12	7	14	2	12	78
(ii) Loose	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
	17	3	6	—	5	15	8	15	3	14	86

Food and Drugs Analysis

Samples of various foods were taken for analysis by the County Sampling Officers during the year.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows & Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2286	50	73	22474	8887
Number Inspected	2286	50	73	22474	8887
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerosis Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	4	2
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	903	26	—	12784	4680
Percentage of Number affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis ..	34 %	50%	—	56%	52%
Tuberculosis Only Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	134
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1.5 %

Cysticercosis .. 17 Cases were found during the year

SECTION F — PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR EACH MONTH — 1969

Disease	*Jan.*	*Feb.*	*Mch*	*Apr.*	*May*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sept.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*Dec.*	*Total*
Scarlet Fever	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	6
Measles	—	—	2	1	1	1	3	4	—	1	—	1	14
Dysentry	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	14
Infective Hepatitis	1	—	—	—	—	2	4	2	19	10	3	6	47
TOTAL	1	1	5	1	1	4	21	6	19	11	4	7	81

CANCER — LUNG AND BRONCHUS DEATHS 1948—1969

Year	Sex	Total — Cancer	Total—Lung and Bronchus
1948	M	42	9
	F	20	1
1949	M	40	12
	F	24	—
1950	M	33	9
	F	23	—
1951	M	40	7
	F	22	—
1952	M	35	12
	F	31	—
1953	M	47	21
	F	28	1
1954	M	25	2
	F	23	3
1955	M	43	16
	F	30	1
1956	M	46	17
	F	35	—
1957	M	41	10
	F	26	—
1958	M	55	18
	F	33	—
1959	M	37	12
	F	23	—
1960	M	38	13
	F	34	1
1961	M	34	8
	F	32	1
1962	M	35	12
	F	25	—
1963	M	27	12
	F	24	—
1964	M	37	14
	F	24	2
1965	M	32	8
	F	26	1
1966	M	45	15
	F	33	2
1967	M	37	10
	F	27	1
1968	M	29	6
	F	39	5
1969	M	23	19
	F	28	—

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year there were 3 deaths and 8 new cases notified.
Numbers on the Register are as follows :

	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
Beginning of the Year	224	198	422	41	38	79	501
End of the Year	228	199	427	43	36	79	506

PARTICULARS OF TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS 1950 - 1969

Year	Pulmonary		Total	Non-Pulmonary		Total	Total Deaths All Forms
	Male	Female		Male	Female		
1950	10	10	20	1	2	3	23
1951	8	8	16	—	1	1	17
1952	13	3	16	—	1	1	17
1953	12	1	13	1	1	2	15
1954	8	2	10	2	—	2	12
1955	7	2	9	—	—	—	9
1956	1	3	4	—	—	—	4
1957	5	2	7	—	2	2	9
1958	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1959	3	—	3	—	1	1	4
1960	2	1	3	—	—	—	3
1961	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1962	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1963	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
1964	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1965	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1966	3	—	3	—	—	—	3
1967	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1968	1	—	1	—	1	1	2
1969	5	1	6	2	—	2	8

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SHOPS' INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1969

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1969.

The normal services which are the responsibility of this Department have continued during the past year. Little changes have occurred in refuse collection and disposal but reference to meat inspection and the abattoir will be found in the appropriate section of this report.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector :

The Council decided to create the above appointment and Mr. H. Wynne Jones who has been an officer of the authority since 1935 was appointed to the position.

PART 1.—GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Inspections for the Year 1969 :

(a)	All types of premises under Public Health and Housing Acts	6371
(b)	Infectious Diseases	360
(c)	Dairies, Milkshops, etc.	24
(d)	Factories and Workplaces	211
(e)	Verminous Premises	152
(f)	Miscellaneous (including Food Stores and Butchers' Shops)	4127
(g)	Inspections under Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts, 1950	1473
(h)	Inspections under Shops Act, 1950	530
(i)	Inspections of Licensed Premises	98
(j)	Meat Inspection—see appropriate section of report.	

General

LANDSLIP

It became evident during the year that the premises occupied by the Godrergraig Workingmen's Club were being affected by landslip pressures. Having regard to the number of people using the building and inspection was made with the Engineer & Surveyor to the Council and steps taken to effect its closure as a dangerous building. On the instructions of the Council the officers co-operated with the club officials in finding alternative premises.

Public Cleansing

(a) REFUSE COLLECTION

(i) Re-organisation of Collection Arrangements :

It was resolved to reorganise the collection system in order to evolve a bonus scheme for the personnel. The scheme was based on the reduction of lorry areas from six to five and a redistribution of the work in that area among the five remaining teams. The twice per week collection frequency was maintained and the collection personnel and their union were consulted at every stage. Press advertisements regarding the new arrangements were placed and it is pleasing to record that the new system operated in June with no disruption whatsoever.

(ii) Contract Collection :

Refuse is at present collected by contract in Velindre, Garnswllt, Cwmcerdinen and Tynyberllan. The areas referred to are too scattered in nature, or distant from main routes to make direct collection economic.

(b) NIGHT SOIL REMOVAL

This service is now necessary only in areas where high sewerage costs have prevented water-carriage systems being installed. This matter has been referred to in previous reports and it is again desired to support the Council's efforts to sewer these areas. The houses concerned are in most cases of sound construction and many could be dealt with under an Improvement Grant if only a sewer were available.

(c) STREET CLEANING

The Council pays an annual amount within the terms of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the County Council for the cleansing of highways by this latter authority. The repayment basis has been agreed throughout Glamorgan by the constituent county districts and cleansing is carried out on a mechanized basis.

(d) LITTER

The plastic bonded steel containers now in operation have continued to prove their durability. There are adequate litter bins now in service and these are emptied in passing by the refuse vehicles.

(e) ABANDONED VEHICLES

Steps are being taken to remove abandoned vehicles under Civic Amenities Act procedures. After the appropriate notices have expired the vehicles are removed by a local contractor. To date the problem is not as great as was originally feared.

Factories Act 1961

The provisions of this Act were, where necessary, applied during the year.

RODENT DESTRUCTION

Details of the work carried out during the year is set out in the accompanying table. Every complaint is dealt with within 24 hours of receipt and it is thought that the public appreciates prompt attention in complaints of this nature. Close watch is being kept for signs of resistance to poisons but none has been found.

RODENT DESTRUCTION, 1969

	Premises Treated, Including Refuse Tips, Brooks, River Banks			Sewer Treatment		Combined Figures		
	No. Treated	No. of Baiting Points	No. of Baits Laid	No. of Manholes Treated	No. of Baits Laid	Total Premises & Manholes Treated	Total No. of Baiting Points	Total Baits Laid
Clydach	79	1436	4308	—	—	79	1436	4308
Gellionnen	39	622	1866	—	—	39	622	1866
Mawr	40	1032	3096	—	—	40	1032	3096
Ynisymond	7	130	390	—	—	7	130	390
Cilybebyll	52	968	2904	—	—	52	968	2904
Blaenegel & Mawr ..	73	1348	4044	—	—	73	1348	4044
Godre'rgraig	28	570	1710	—	—	28	570	1710
Alltygrug	80	1583	4749	—	—	80	1583	4749
Cwmllynfell	13	186	558	—	—	13	186	558
Caegurwen	80	1554	4662	—	—	80	1554	4662
TOTALS	491	9429	28287	—	—	491	9429	28287

HOUSING

Derelict Buildings :

It was decided that efforts be made to demolish structures within the area that were vacant and derelict. A joint meeting of the Council's principal officers drew out an agreed procedure from the service of the first notice to the final decision by the appropriate committee regarding recovery of costs. It is hoped that within the near future all buildings capable of demolition and clearance in this section will be dealt with.

Demolition and Closure :

The table indicates action taken in the various wards during the year. The remarks made in previous years regarding the general procedure again apply.

WARD	Demolition Order	Under-takings Accepted	Under-takings Cancelled	Closing Order	Properties Demolish'd
Cilybebyll ..	1	—	2	—	—
Alltygrug ..	4	7	2	2	3
Rhyndwyclydach	—	1	3	—	—
Gellionnen ..	—	1	4	—	—
Caegurwen ..	—	4	4	—	—
Blaenegel & Mawr	3	1	7	—	1
Cwmllynfell	—	—	1	—	—
Ynysmond ..	—	1	—	—	—
Godrergraig ..	2	2	1	—	—
Mawr/Craigcefnparc	—	—	1	1	—
Velindre/Garnswllt	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	10	17	25	3	4

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) 775

(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 2461

(2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation 55

(3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respect fit for human habitation 390

Remedy of Defects during the Year without the Service of Formal Notices :

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 415

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :

(a) Proceedings under Sections of the Housing Act 1957 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. NIL

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) by Owners 25

(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners NIL

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. NIL

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a) by Owners .. .. NIL

(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners NIL

(c) Proceedings Under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made 10

(2) Premises in respect of which Undertakings to repair were accepted 17

(3) Undertakings cancelled 25

(4) Closing Orders 3

(5) Premises Demolished 4

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(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 3

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements having been rendered fit .. .. NIL

Common Lodging Houses

The one common lodging house within the area and registered under the Public Health Act, 1936, is under consideration for removal from the list due to its structural condition. It is within the landslip area and its further occupation might well endanger the lives of those resorting thereto.

Caravans

The Caravan (Control and Development) Order now makes it possible to deal more adequately with sporadic development and close liaison is maintained with yout Council's Planning Officer in order to ensure that caravans are not sited unoccupied in circumstances whereby public health may be endangered. Generally speaking, there is very little caravan usage in the area, nor does it appear that future years will see an increase.

Land Charges

A total of 538 land charges inquiries was dealt with departmentally during the year. These were distributed on Ward basis as follows :

Ynisymond	5	Gellionen	17
Cilybebyll	127	Godrergraig	9
Blaenegel & Mawr	84	Cwmllynfell	16
Alltygrug	47	Mawr	27
Caegurwen	43		
Clydach	163		

TOTAL — 538

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

There is little air pollution in the area. The principal heavy industry is a Nickel Refinery and there is the fullest co-operation between your officers and the management on pollution control measures. The new industries which are beginning to settle in the area are principally light engineering in nature and present no problem. Domestically the area suffers little in comparison with the Black areas of the country while the coal supplied for domestic use is bituminous in nature. Most of the coal supplied locally is anthracite with little volatile content.

AIR POLLUTION RECORDING RESULTS

Month	Deposited Matter Tons per sq. mile	Mg. of SO3 day collected by 100 sq. cm. of batch A Pb02 (louvered cover)	
		The Convent Clydach	High Street Clydach
January ..	—	—	0.76
February ..	—	0.69	—
March ..	—	—	0.73
April ..	—	—	1.09
May ..	—	—	1.09
June ..	—	—	0.22
July ..	—	—	0.47
August ..	—	—	0.41
September ..	—	—	0.62
October ..	—	—	0.47
November ..	—	—	0.75
December ..	—	—	0.28

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH

The statistics in the earlier part of this report indicate the wide range of duties carried out by the Department but it is proposed to refer here to a few matters of particular interest which have been dealt with during the year.

(1) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

During the year premises have been registered, and in the main found generally to comply with the provisions of the Act. In some large undertakings, extensions are in need of consideration, and the plans will be discussed with the owners, so as to ensure that the Act is fully complied with.

(2) Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

One premises only within the area needs to be registered, and it is so registered.

(3) Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

All scrap metal dealers are required to register with the Local Authorities. The inspection of their books and invoices is a matter for the constabulary. There is at present one registered dealer in the area.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(1) Milk

Only designated milks are sold within the area. The bulk of such sales are T.T. Pasteurised. Inspections are made of dairies, milk distribution vehicles and sites where bulk supplies are delivered for local retail. Action over the years has affected considerable improvement in places where these supplies are put out for further collection. Samples are taken to ensure efficient pasteurisation and to see that no other infections are present.

Milk Supply

(a)	Number of Inspections made of Dairies and Milk Shops during the year	24
(b)	Number of Dairies which were internally re-conditioned, new floors and channels in cement concrete, additional windows fixed for improving the lighting, ventilation, new stalls and troughs, etc. erected	1
(c)	New Dairies erected	NIL
(d)	Number of Dairies limewashed on internal surfaces of walls and interior of roofs cleansed as the result of informal action taken	5

(2) Meat Inspection — New Abattoir

The new private abattoir situated on the Industrial Estate in Pontardawe commenced operations on the 5th June. On the same date slaughtering ceased at the premises in Clydach previously occupied by the owner of the new abattoir. The new premises incorporates all modern facilities, is purpose built and has been so constructed that an application for export approval is likely to be successful.

The increased throughput necessitated the appointment of an authorised meat inspector and Mr. Gerald Edmunds of Brynmawr commenced duties in September.

(3) Food Hygiene

Regular inspections are made of all premises in the area where food is stored, prepared or sold for human consumption. There is a good standard of compliance with the regulations, and food handlers generally co-operate with the officers in ensuring that the principles of food hygiene are observed.

Number of Food Premises in the Area by Type of Business

	Number of Shops
Bakers and Pastrycooks (including all bread and flour confectioners)	15
Butchers (including Pork Butchers)	36
Coffee, Milk and Snack Bars	8
Confectioners (Sweets and Chocolates) (including Theatres, Cinemas, Departmental Stores, Newsagents, etc.)	136
Fishmongers : Wet	6
Fried	18
Fruiterers and Greengrocers (excluding Stallholders and Hawkers)	71
Grocers, Tea and Provision Dealers	177
Restaurants and Cafes (unlicensed)	15

(4) Ice Cream

Samples of ice-cream taken during the year have generally proved satisfactory. Most of the ice-cream sold in the area is of national manufacture, hygienically prepared and well packed. It is important, however, that retailers in the area understand the nature of the product they handle and are well versed in the steps necessary to prevent its contamination.

UNFIT FOODS

Mousse	70 pkts	Ice Cream	11 pkts
Fresh Meat	126 lbs	Ice Lollies	96
Poultry	56 lbs	Fruit Juice	4 tins
Cooked Ham	74 lbs	Corned Beef	15 tins
Flour	334 lbs	Biscuits	47 pkts
Corned Beef	86 lbs	Sugar	84 lbs
Ham	110 lbs	Beers	144 bts
Fruit Canned	123 tins	Meat Canned	132 tins
Food Canned	18 tins	Assorted Vegetables	234 tins
Cereals	13 pkts	Custard	4 pkts
Bisto	1 pkt	Coffee	1 tin
Drinking Chocolate	1 tin	Dried Fruit	2 lbs
Frozen Food :		Cheese	221 lbs
Fish	379 pkts	Puddings	33 tins
Meats	124 pkts	Bacon	2 lbs.
Vegetables	346 pkts	Canned Fish	32 tins
Cakes	36 pkts	Soup	24 tins

(6) LICENSED PREMISES

The triennial survey of licensed premises and clubs in the area was carried out in October. This survey takes into account sanitary accommodation, the general hygiene of the premises and the standard of accommodation provided for living purposes. Steps are taken in the subsequent months to see that any defects are remedied.

(7) STRAYING OF ANIMALS

In common with most South Wales Authorities the area suffers from depredation from straying horses and sheep, particularly in districts where common land is involved. The problem is one difficult to control under existing legislation and the Local Authorities of South Wales are in joint discussions regarding methods of controlling the problem. Apart from the traffic hazards and garden damage created, footpaths and roads are fouled and it is hoped that a Bill now under consideration will help in the matter.

(8) NOISE NUISANCE

The Department's ability to reduce noise nuisances has been increased by the purchase of a Cosmocord ACOS SLM/3 Noise Level Meter. This is capable of decibel A band recording and has on a number of instances greatly assisted since its purchase.

Disinfection

1.	Number of investigations made of Notified Infectious Disease cases	360
2.	Number of premises fumigated or otherwise disinfected	21
3.	Number of cases where clothes were disinfected ..	8
4.	Number of cases where bedding was destroyed ..	NIL

PART II

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOPS ACT, 1950

In accordance with the agreement between this Authority and Glamorgan County Council, the report annually required is herewith submitted on the administration of the Shops Act, 1950.

1. Early Closing

The early closing day varies in the district by reason of traders having exercised their legal right of option for the alternate day. The exercise of the above right has resulted in a variation of day within the same township. The community, however, appears to be well served. Particular attention has been paid to ensure that premises open for the sale of exempted goods do not sell articles not included in the Schedule.

2. Closing Hours

Shops within the area close according to the times set out in the Act.

The hours of closing permitted by the Shops Act, 1950, operate in the area, the local Closing Order of 1915 being invalid due to incompatibility with the above Act.

3. Employment of Young Persons

The provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, and the Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1938, are generally observed within the area. The hours of work of these young people and the conditions of their employment are duly investigated during routine inspections.

No matters affecting young persons and requiring action under the above Act arose during the year. Liaison with the Youth Employment Bureau has proved of much assistance in the administration of these provisions.

4. Authorised Officers

Your Chief Public Health Inspector and first Additional Public Health Inspector are Authorised Officers under the above Act.

5. General Observations of the Year's Work

During 1969, 530 inspections were made for matters falling within the Shops Act, 1950.

In order to ensure that the hours of closing and the provisions with regard to Sunday trading are being observed, visits have been made during the evening in the course of the year and in general it is felt that the provisions of the Act are being respected.

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